



CITY OF LOMA LINDA

Community Development Department
25541 Barton Road, Loma Linda, CA 92354

PARKS, RECREATION AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA SUMMARY

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2004, 7:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY ROOM

25541 BARTON ROAD, LOMA LINDA

A. CALL TO ORDER 7:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL (members present to constitute a quorum)

Committee

Present:

*Kurt Swigart, Chair
Janet Razzouk, Vice Chair
Valerie Gallant
Doree Morgan
George Pendered
Miguel Rojas
Richard Wiley*

Absent:

Betty Stark

Staff:

*Deborah Woldruff, Community Development Director
T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/City Engineer
Lori Ludi, Senior Planner*

C. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR/PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Limited to 30 minutes; 3 minutes allotted for each person)

DISCUSSION - Director Woldruff passed out Community Development Department Calendars for 2004, which include all of the meetings for the City Council and Commissions, Committees, and Boards.

Vice Chair Razzouk shared an article from the Press Enterprise dated November 11, 2003 about a skateboard park in Riverside (copy attached). The article explained that there is a lot of vandalism in the park and that the City would like to install a camera system, but has no one to monitor the situation. Director Thaipejr stated that the City of Fontana's skateboard park is having the same problems.

MOTION - None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA SUMMARIES – October 6, 2003, and November 3, 2003

DISCUSSION – Staff noted that the Agenda incorrectly listed the October 6, 2003 and November 3, 2003 Agenda Summaries as requiring approval. Both sets were previously approved at the December 1, 2003 meeting. The Agenda Summary that requires the Committee's approval is for the December 1, 2003 meeting. The Committee voted to approve the December 1, 2003 Agenda Summary as submitted.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DECEMBER 1, 2003 AGENDA SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED (GALLANT/MORGAN; CARRIED – 7 YEAS/0 NAYS/0 ABSTENTIONS/1 ABSENT)

Director Woldruff commented that some minor, non-substantive changes would be made to the first page prior to distribution of the approved version of the December 1, 2003 Agenda Summary.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Status of Parks Projects – Report by PWD Staff (Continuing Item)

DISCUSSION – Director Thaipejr reported that the equipment in Hulda Crooks Park was installed during the past month. The construction of the Edison Easement is underway, which will include a trails system and exercise equipment to be installed. The County, thanks to Supervisor Dennis Hansberger, donated funds for this project. Director Thaipejr is laying out the plans for the area from Hinckley Street to Lawton Avenue.

A break-in at the ballpark concession stand has resulted in vandalism and Director Thaipejr is having the structure repaired. A suggestion was made for the installation of more safety windows.

Mr. Thaipejr went on to report that concrete pads were installed at the dog park and a concrete path was installed behind Bryn Mawr School to provide a connect from George Street through to Leonard Bailey Park.

Director Woldruff stated that the City Manager would like to have names for the dog park, ballpark, and Edison Easement to forward to City Council. The Loma Linda Dog Park was suggested as well as Health and Fitness for the exercise trail. Staff will provide suggestions for the ball field.

MOTION - None

2. List of Future Parks Projects and Prioritization of Committee Activities/Projects
– Report by PWD/CDD Staff (Continued from December 1, 2003 Agenda)

DISCUSSION - Information on the number of parks proposed for development will be provided for the next agenda. Director Thaipejr requested that the Committee provide him their ideas for Hilda Crooks Park and tennis courts. Committee Member Wiley suggested looking at future projects and properties to site a community center for the City. Director Thaipejr indicated that it is a bit preliminary to be considering a community center site, especially if the prospective sites are not City-owned. Chair Swigart would like the Committee to provide a list of park requests to Director Thaipejr.

MOTION - None

3. Status of the Beautification Program and Review of Committee Photographs for this Year's Program Picks - Report by Chair Swigart and PWD/CDD Staff (Continued from the December 1, 2003 Agenda - Tustin Pride document and Cameras previously distributed)

Director Thaipejr indicated that selection from photographs submitted was made last week. Staff will contact the Mayor to provide him with information on the properties selected.

MOTION - None

4. Request for Committee's Consideration of a Skateboard Park - Report by CDD Staff (New Item - Backup Material Attached)

DISCUSSION - The Committee discussed the request for a skateboard park and skateboard parks in generals and the vandalism that accompanies them. It was stated that the need for such a park in Loma Linda is less than the need for other types of parks and facilities such as additional tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, and basketball courts. The City has several good size parks with some recreational facilities and several more new parks that will be constructed as a result of development over the next few years. Some of the existing parks are in need of new or upgraded recreational facilities. Unfortunately, funding for these amenities is not readily available. Several Committee members felt that a skateboard park would attract a lot of non-residents, which could result in a problem similar to the one that exists with the tennis courts in Leonard Bailey Park.

Director Woldruff will write a response letter to the young person who requested the skateboard park.

MOTION - None

F. ADJOURNMENT 8:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION – At 8:06 p.m., the Committee agreed to adjourn to the February 2, 2004 meeting.

MOTION - None

Agenda Summary approved by the Parks, Recreation, and Beautification Committee on February 2, 2004.

Deborah Woldruff, AICP
Community Development Director

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